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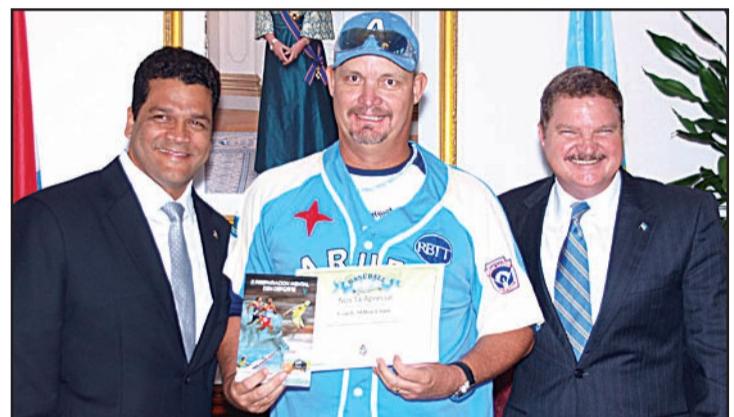
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Aruba honors its Latin American Senior League Champions!



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Coach Milton Croes



Ray Patrick Didder accepts award for Coach Rayborn Didder



Relief pitcher Abraham Taveras



Manager Greg Manuel

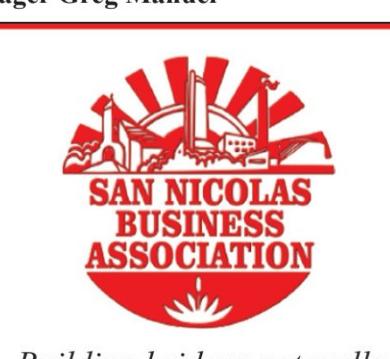


Starting pitcher Sean Duinkerk

For the second year in a row, Aruba's young baseball players of the Senior League, for youngsters ages 14 to 16, have won the Latin American Championships. They will go on in August to represent their home island and the region at the Senior League World Championships in Bangor, Maine. This year, Aruba hosted the championship playoffs, so it was a very exciting night for baseball fans when the team earned the title on Saturday, July 24.

Aruba's Prime Minister Mike Eman and Minister of Public Health and Sport, Richard Visser, proudly welcomed the team and their coaches to the government offices yesterday afternoon to award them for the honor they have brought to their island.

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Sarkozy vows revenge after Al-Qaeda kills French hostage



PARIS (AFP) — President Nicolas Sarkozy vowed Monday to avenge the murder of a 78-year-old French aid worker killed in the Sahara desert by Al-Qaeda's North African wing.

Sarkozy spoke after Al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb (AQIM) declared it had killed hostage Michel Germaneau as revenge after French and Mauritanian soldiers stormed one of the group's camps in Mali and killed six militants.

"Dear compatriots, this crime committed against Michel Germaneau will not go unpunished," Sarkozy said, warning French nationals to avoid the arid Sahel region running through Mauritania, Mali, Niger and southern Algeria.

Sarkozy did not reveal what France planned to do in response to the killing, but experts and military officers told AFP to expect an increased use of spies and special forces to target militant groups in the Sahel.

BP boss to quit but new payoff row looms

LONDON (AFP) — BP chief executive Tony Hayward was expected to quit imminently with a payoff of up to 18.5 million dollars despite being lambasted over the Gulf of Mexico oil spill, British media reported Monday.

The size of any such payoff, which must be agreed by a BP board meeting in London on Monday, risks sparking a fresh row as the British-based firm battles to rebuild its reputation amid the worst environmental disaster in US history.

BP says there is still no decision on Hayward, whose string of public relations gaffes during the crisis included telling reporters "I want my life back" and joining a yacht race as Gulf residents battled the massive oil spill.

"BP confirms that no final decision has been made on these matters," a spokesman for the energy giant said. "Any decisions will be announced as appropriate."

Hayward has drawn criticism from US President Barack Obama -- who said he would have fired him -- and other senior figures in the United States over his handling of the aftermath of the April 20 disaster which killed 11 workers.

Outrage over huge leak of Afghan war files



The homepage of the WikiLeaks.org website is seen on a computer after leaked classified military documents were posted to it July 26, 2010 in Miami, Florida.

WASHINGTON (AFP) — The leak of 90,000 secret military files triggered an outcry Monday from nations fighting in Afghanistan as the Pentagon scrambled to determine the source of the huge security breach and whether it would endanger lives.

US experts were working to see if the huge cache "could jeopardize force protection or operational security, or even worse still, the national security of this country," Pentagon spokesman Geoff Morrell told Fox News.

"Our big fear of course is that there is information in here which could potentially put the lives of our troops in Afghanistan or elsewhere at risk."

Some 92,000 documents dating from 2004 to 2009 were released to The New York Times, Britain's Guardian newspaper and Germany's Der Spiegel news weekly by the website WikiLeaks, which posted them on Sunday.

The most controversial allegations center around claims that Pakistan, a key US ally in the turbulent region, allows its spies to meet directly with the Taliban.

According to the Times, Pakistan agents and Taliban representatives meet regu-

danger the lives of troops.

The coalition forces needed to be aware that some "documents are pushed out into the open via leaks, but that obliges us even more to work with the greatest care," said General Egon Ramms, who is in charge of the NATO forces in Afghanistan.

But White House spokesman Robert Gibbs Monday played down the likely strategic and political impact of the leaked intelligence.

"In terms of broad revelations, there aren't any that we see in these documents," Gibbs said, pointing out that most of the period covered by the leaks was during the Bush administration.

But he also condemned the leak, warning that the names of service personnel and military operations were now in the public domain.

Britain, which has some 9,500 troops in Afghanistan, said Monday it regretted the leak, as Pakistan said the reports were "skewed" and not based on the reality on the ground.

WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange defended the decision to publish the leaked files, saying they showed "thousands" of war crimes may have been committed in Afghanistan.



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The weekly Bon Bini Festival is tonight!

ORANJESTAD -- The weekly Bon Bini festival takes place tonight at the Fort Zoutman in Wilhelminstraat. The festival is for tourists and locals to mix and mingle and enjoy a taste of Aruban culture.

This week's festival will feature the traditional Aruban Caha d'Orgel, "Nos Ambiente," musical group; "Pegasaya," Dance groups: "Mini Chaz Dancers," "Youth Chaz Dancers" and "Aruba Dance Formation," solo singer: "Sharon Rose" and steel band: "New Generation." MC is Juby Naar.

Aruba honors . . .

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Each member of the team, their coaches and manager received a certificate of appreciation and the newly published book, in Papiamento "Mentally Preparation in Sport" by Edmundo Josiah.

Receiving the gratitude of their Prime Minister and all the island for their superior performance were Jean Dino Tromp, Ray Patrick Didder, Malvin Ras, Jermaine Manual, Juan Carlos Muncion, Chadwick Tromp, Jose Luis Gonzalez, Milton Croes, Jr., Mark Danies, Alberto Noquera, Mitchell Martes, Richinel Matos, Dwayne Luidens, Miklos Petronia, and the starting and relief pitchers for the final game, Shawn Duinkerk and Abraham Taveras.

Recognized along with the

During the festival there will be local food, sweets and handicraft on sale.

Arubus has regularly scheduled bus transport from all hotel areas to Oranjestad's central terminal, which is only a short walk from Fort Zoutman. Round trip bus fare is US\$2.30.

Come, meet the islands, absorb some local color and culture, and get a taste of our Dushi Aruba.

The festival is from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Entrance is 5 Aruban florins or US\$3.

team was their manager, Greg Manual and coaches Milton Croes and Rayborn Didder. The team was treated to a late lunch with Minister Visser after the distribution of the certificates.

A number of the players are veteran champions, as they have come up through the ranks of the Junior League, which also won the Latin American Division Championships last year and placed second in the Junior League World Series 2009. This year's team worked their way to the finals among delegations from eleven nations of Latin and Central America and the Caribbean to defeat Puerto Rico in the finals with a score of 5-2.

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Wilders' offer to support a minority cabinet gets approval

THE HAGUE, The Netherlands -- Geert Wilders' suggestion that his anti-Islam party PVV could support a minority government made up of the right wing Liberals VVD and the Christian Democrats is seen as a good move by some 63% of voters, according to reports.

Wilders has said repeatedly this could be an option if the CDA and VVD cannot agree on forming a coalition with the

PVV, which wants an end to 'non-western' immigration, a ban on the Koran and a tax on Muslim headscarves.

Some 80% of CDA, VVD and PVV voters back the minority cabinet support suggestion, the poll shows.

Nevertheless, political pundits point out that a CDA VVD minority cabinet would have to make concessions to the PVV to keep its support - which could give the anti-Islam party

a very strong hand in parliament.

And CDA leader Maxime Verhagen has said another option would be CDA support for a minority VVD and PVV cabinet as well.

At the weekend, CDA MPs agreed Verhagen could enter into talks about talks with the other two parties. According to the poll, some 60% of CDA voters think this is a good idea.

New film over U.S. teen's disappearance on Aruba

AMSTERDAM, The Netherlands - The unsolved disappearance of American teenager Natalee Holloway from Aruba in 2005 has been made into a film, with an expected release early next year.

In a case that sparked widespread media publicity in the United States, Holloway disappeared from Aruba during a high school graduation trip.

Her body has never been found.

The key suspect is Joran van der Sloot, a Dutch national. He was arrested twice in the case but never charged after giving different stories about her disappearance.

Van der Sloot has since been arrested, however, for the death of business student Stephany Flores, 21, in a Lima,

Peru hotel room. Police said in June that Van der Sloot had confessed to the girl's killing.

The English-language film "Me & Mr Jones" is about an undercover journalist who breaks into Van der Sloot's home on Aruba to force a breakthrough in the Holloway case, producer and director Paul Ruven said in a statement.

Have you had your breakfast today? The Old Fisherman offers breakfast with an Aruban twist



Linda and Ramon Pimienta with their son Raymond, at right



When Linda and Ramon Pimienta started their small business at the old wharf down town, little did they know that they had a goldmine when it comes to the perfect blend of international and local cuisine. Nowadays, they are located right behind the Royal Plaza Mall where they serve up a storm to visitors and locals alike. What is their secret? Offering high quality dishes at super prizes that fit anyone's budget.

For ten years The Old Fisherman has been serving local cuisine with an international twist for lunch and dinner and they have managed to stay on top by using high quality fresh ingredients. From their fish cakes with "funchi" (polenta) and "pan bati" nicely presented to soup of the day accompanied by delicious deserts.

Now they are serving you breakfast with an Aruban twist at bargain prizes.

Monica and Amarilis who have been with the company

for ten years are ready to serve you with a smile.

Besides serving traditional breakfast dishes such as eggs sunny side up with ham and cheese, scrambled or plain they also serve pastechi horna (a small pie pocket with different fillings), crêpes, sweet crêpes and bagels with cream cheese, smoked salmon or boiled eggs.

If you want to really experience the Aruban twist you might want to try something from the local breakfast menu served on pan grandi (rama) or a baguette. You can try the delicious kerrie-kerrie (a typical Aruban flaked fish), conch, fish egg, shrimp, fish fillet, fish cake and the chicken soup or you can have fruit salad and yoghurt.

A perfect restaurant for all in the family.

Whatever your taste might be you are assured that at the Old Fisherman there is a dish on the menu for you at breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Journalism Pioneer in Aruba Bernadette 'Mama' Schouten passes on

ORANJESTAD—Aruba lost a pioneer in journalism this week. Bernadette 'Mama' Schouten-Blanchard passed on early Monday morning quietly, surrounded by her loved ones. 'Mama' Schouten was a much beloved lady who left her mark in her adopted country, especially establishing a journalistic dynasty that still lives on.

Born in St. Barths of French descent and educated in France, Bernadette Schouten displayed the old country elegance and mannerism with the openness that typifies the Caribbean region. She met her future husband Gerald Schouten in St. Maarten during the war years, married and later, without trepidations, followed him to Aruba, where they first established themselves in San Nicolas. 'Mama' Schouten seemed demure, particularly when compared to her flamboyant husband. But the love between the two and particularly their shared interest in journalism created a bond that inspires to this day.

'Mama' Schouten was determined to expose the quiet community of Aruba with news of the world. She had the strong conviction that only through information, a community is truly able to grow and develop. While her husband dedicated his time and effort is the LAGO News, the news bulletin of the Aruba refinery, Bernadette was at home taking care of her young children, but always with her ears open to



among other Voice of America, one of her most trusted news source.

Her husband then took on the courage to establish the first English newspaper in Aruba, with his wife Bernadette, as the editor. The NEWS was born as a small newspaper, in the kitchen of the Schoutens, and slowly conquered Aruba. And it was all produced by this enigmatic lady who always chose to stay in the background, allowing her husband, famously known as 'Papa' Schouten,' or 'Sir Gerry Schouten, to promote the newspaper in Aruba. The NEWS became a forerunner and like its editor, set the standard for being a informative medium without ever forgetting basic and important principles of journalism.

'Mama' Schouten survived her husband, her only daughter Sonia Wever-Schouten, who

took on the responsibilities of running the newspaper and eventually even The NEWS, which never sacrificed its standards, paying the ultimate price. Yet, 'Mama' Schouten's lessons and principles are not forgotten. Like her daughter Sonia, Bernadette shared knowledge and pushed those around her to focus on those details that would make any person or organization stand tall. The Morning News Aruba could have never been, without the person of Bernadette Schouten and her values, values that will live on thanks to her strong yet quiet and loving guidance that will never be forgotten. Rest in Peace, 'Mama' Schouten. That God may bless your children, grandchildren and great grandchildren, as well as all you have touched throughout your life. In them and in your values and tenderness, you will certainly live on.



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Successful puppetry show tour premiers with the play “Pedrito y e Cacho Brabo” – Peter and the Ferocious Dog



Last Sunday, Grupo Sophia kicked off the national tour of their puppetry play at the ‘Scol di Arte’ in San Nicolas. With a full house, presenters entertained children and grown-ups alike with their play “Pedrito y e Cacho Brabo,” a fabulous piece played by famous island characters such as:

- Kevin van Ommeren as Pedrito,
- Speed Andrade, the fearful ferocious dog,
- Tico Bee, the grandfather with his bean pot,
- Leo Vrolijk, the dog hunter,

- Eric Boeldak, the striped cat,
- Kelvin Augustin as the duck, the strange bird that wants to swim, and
- Faritah Luidens, the tremendous narrator and the wise birdie.

The public did not recognize the persons behind the curtain because their fantasy was bigger than that of the children. The play was spectacular, with tremendous light and sound effects by Manuel da Silva Cristo.

Everyone is invited to come with their children to enjoy a pleasant and relaxing after-



noon before the start of the new school year. Come, laugh, and enjoy some quality time together.

Presentations are on Sundays on the following dates:

- August 1, starting at 5.30 p.m. at POVA Club in Balashi
- August 8, starting at 5.30 p.m. at Club Don Bosco in Noord
- August 29, starting at 5.30 p.m. at Club San Martin in St. Cruz
- September 5, at 5.30 p.m. at Cas di Cultura in Oranjestad.

Puppetry is a form of theatre or performance which in-



volves the manipulation of puppets, inanimate objects or representational figures manipulated by persons. It is very ancient, and is believed to have originated 30,000 years BC. Puppetry takes many forms but they all share the process of animating inanimate performing objects. Most puppetry involves storytelling.

This type of play is almost dead on Aruba, so spread the word. Before the play here will be face painting by Cara Magico and a souvenir photo taken by Eric Boeldak with the support of Checkpoint Color. Instead of a souvenir photo children can also take a picture

with the popular Disney character Goofy.

Grupo Sophia invites everyone to come and have a nice time. Entrance is Afls. 5 and tickets are available at DOWCO Santa Cruz, Plaza Bookstore, Quick Luck Lottery in Noord and if still available at the door on the day of presentation.

For more information readers may call 563-9092 or 587-9194. A special ‘thank you’ goes to coordinator Desiree, Joselito and Zahaira Werleman for their support, the Sophia board of directors for their tremendous job, and Anoushka and Sandro Winklaar.



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DISPICABLE ME - Comedy/Fam: In a happy suburban neighborhood, sits a black house with a dead lawn. Unbeknownst to the neighbors, hidden beneath this home is a vast secret hideout. Surrounded by a small army of minions, we discover Gru planning the biggest heist in the history of the world. He is going to steal the moon, yes, the moon. Gru delights in all things wicked. Until the day he encounters the immense will of three little orphaned girls who look at him and see something that no one else has ever seen: a potential Dad.

Science/tech

HTC Adding Sony's Super LCD Display to Desire, Nexus One

HTC announced Monday that it will switch out the AMOLED displays in its Desire and Nexus One smartphones for Sony's Super LCD display (SLCD).

"HTC is experiencing high-demand for many of our phones, specifically our phones with 3.7 inch displays. The new SLCD display technology enables us to ramp up our production capabilities quickly to meet the high-demand," Peter Chou, chief executive of HTC, said in a statement. "The SLCD displays provide consumers with a comparable visual ex-

perience to HTC's current 3.7 inch displays with some additional benefits including battery performance."

The SLCD displays will be available on both smartphones later this summer, HTC said.

HTC unveiled the Desire in February, and it is expected to hit shelves in August.

The Desire is similar to the troubled Nexus One, though it will have an optical sensor for navigation instead of a track ball. The Desire will run Android 2.1 and a 1-GHz Snapdragon processor.

The Nexus One, which was originally introduced by Google and sold exclusively through its Web site, had trouble finding buyers. In May, Google announced that it would no longer sell the phone and instead make it available in retail stores. Earlier this month, the search engine giant said it had received its latest shipment of the smartphone, after which it would no longer sell the Nexus One. The Nexus One is currently available for purchase from Vodafone in Australia, France, Germany, Italy, Spain, and the U.K.

Arctic studies show dire effect of ocean acidity

NY-AALESUND, Norway (AFP) – The icy Arctic waters around Norway's archipelago of Svalbard may seem pristine and clear, but like the rest of the world's oceans they are facing the threat of growing acidity.

Oceans have always absorbed part of the carbon dioxide, or CO₂, present in the air, which in turn makes them acid. But with CO₂ levels soaring, the scientific community is getting worried about acidification harming marine life.

Off the coast of Ny-Aalesund, a tiny coal mine village turned scientific outpost just 1,200 kilometres (745 miles) from the North Pole, researchers from nine European countries conducted in July an unprecedented effort to analyse the phenomenon.

To do so, they submerged nine tubes, each weighing two tonnes and the height of two double-decker busses, in the icy waters of the remote fjord framed by snow-capped mountains.

They then injected the water-tight tubes, called mesocosms, with CO₂, to reproduce sea life under different acidity levels expected from now until 2150 with the aim of studying the potentially disastrous effects of acidification on marine life.

"It's here in the Arctic that the ocean will become corrosive the fastest," Jean-Pierre Gattuso, with France's National Center for Scientific Research, said, explaining why the researchers chose to turn these waters thick with icy slush into a laboratory.

The threat to the world's oceans is not so much the absolute concentration of acidity, but rather the pace at which it is changing, Gattuso said.

explained, pointing out that "cold water swallow up gas faster than hot or temperate water."

Oceans absorb more than a quarter of the CO₂ emitted by humans, which in one way is fortunate since this natural absorption mitigates the impact the gas has on the climate.

However the soaring levels of man-made CO₂ in the atmosphere are proving devastating to the oceans themselves: since the beginning of the industrial era they have become 30 percent more acidic, reaching an acidity peak not seen in at least 55 million years, scientists say.

And with no sign of CO₂ emissions slowing down, ocean acidification will likely keep increasing in the decades to come.

This is especially worrisome since higher acidity levels have been shown to sharply slow calcification in corals, shellfish and other species.

Corals, a source of rich biodiversity that prevents land area from being submerged and draws much-needed tourists to some of the world's poorest corners, might thus have trouble shaping their skeletons, while shellfish could lose their shells.

Japanese people living longer than ever: govt

TOKYO (AFP) – Japanese people are living longer than ever, with the average life expectancy now a world-record 86.44 years for women and 79.59 years for men, the health and welfare ministry said Monday.

Japanese women extended their life expectancy by more than four months in 2009 from the previous year, while men added some three months.

Japanese women's longevity set a world record, followed by 86.1 years for women in Hong Kong and 84.5 years for French women, said the ministry.

Japanese men's average life expectancy came fifth globally, compared with 81.0 years for men in Qatar, the world's highest, followed by Hong Kong, Iceland and Switzerland, the ministry said.

The Japanese people are renowned for their longevity, attributed in part to a healthy



Elderly people work out with wooden dumb-bells at a temple in Tokyo

diet, active lifestyle and good health care.

But the long life expectancy is also set to cause problems for Japan, which has one of the world's lowest birth rates, leaving a shrinking working population to support a growing mass of retirees.

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FDA advisers say Avastin shouldn't be used for breast cancer

The cancer drug Avastin should no longer be used as a treatment for breast cancer, a U.S. Food and Drug Administration advisory panel voted Tuesday, saying the drug wasn't benefiting patients.

The 12 to 1 vote represented a setback for Avastin, which is the world's best-selling cancer drug, with sales last year of about \$6 billion. Avastin is sold by drug maker Roche's Genentech unit, The New York Times reported.

Earlier Tuesday, the advisory committee said data suggested that at least for breast cancer, the initial data that led to accelerated approval of Avastin in 2008 for breast cancer was not borne out by subsequent studies.

The drug is also approved for lung, colon, kidney and brain cancer, the Associated Press reported.

The 13 experts convened by the FDA voted unanimously that the drug's side effects and risks outweighed

benefits when used with conventional chemotherapy.

When the FDA approved Avastin for breast cancer patients in 2008, it was on the condition that Roche provide additional studies supporting evidence that the drug kept the disease from worsening for more than five months.

But two follow-up studies failed to show that same effect, and patients did not gain any survival benefits. But they did experience serious side effects, including fatigue, abnormal white blood cell counts and high blood pressure, the AP reported.

"The study shows there's very little benefit to patients with significant toxicity risks and no clear survival benefit," said Natalie Compagni Portis, the FDA advisory panel's patient representative, the news service reported.

The FDA is not bound to follow the recommendations of its advisory committees, but typically does so.

Attention deficit medication helps drug addicts: study

WASHINGTON (AFP) — The active ingredient in Ritalin, a medication used to control the symptoms of attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, or ADHD, could help boost self-control in cocaine addicts, a study published Monday showed.

Yale University psychiatry professor Chiang-shan Ray Li administered Ritalin's active ingredient, methylphenidate, to volunteers who were addicted to cocaine, and asked the participants to perform a computer test that assessed impulse control.

The participants were instructed to quickly press a button whenever a "go" prompt appeared on the screen.

But randomly during the test, the "go" prompt was rapidly followed by a "stop" prompt, indicating that the subjects should resist the impulse to press "go."

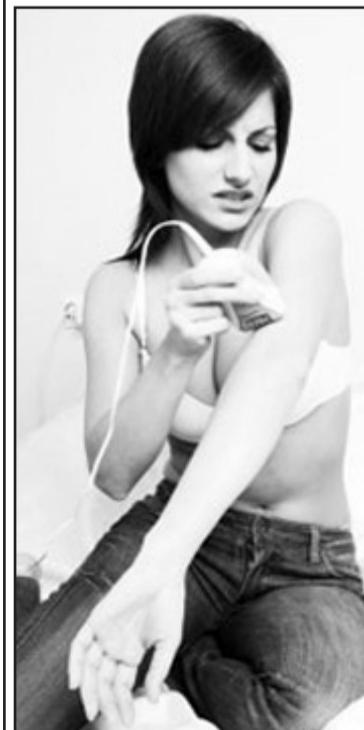
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In women, excess hair growth on the face or body is called hirsutism. It may be caused by abnormally high levels of male hormones.

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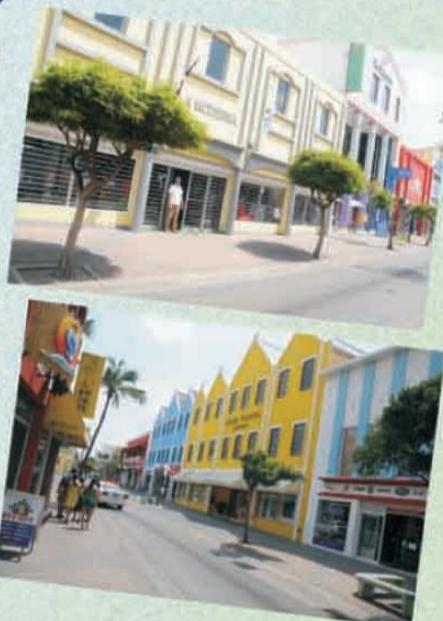


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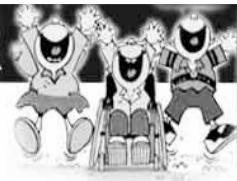
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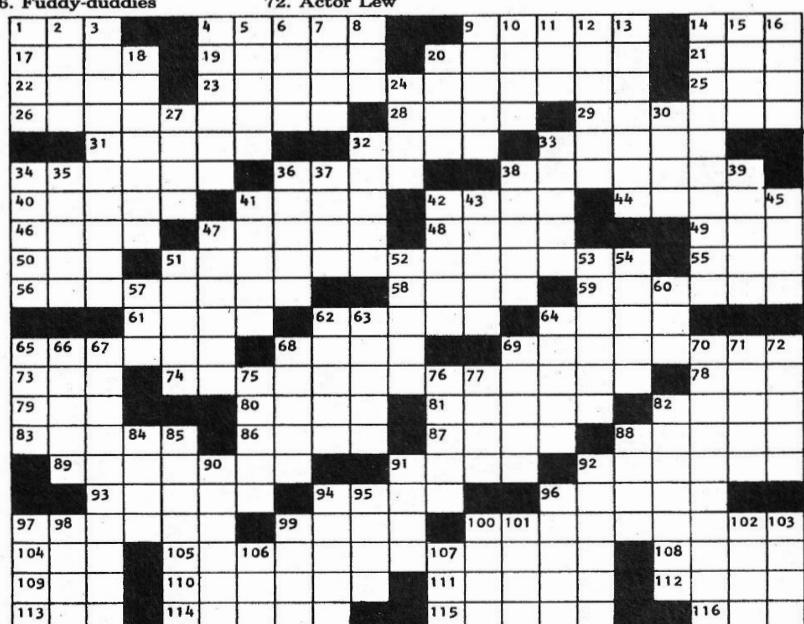
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Central Bank of Aruba releases its monthly monetary policy

ORANJESTAD -- During the meeting of its Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) of July 13, 2010, the Centrale Bank van Aruba (CBA) concluded that its current monetary policy stance remains appropriate. This means that the reserve requirement rate can remain at 11 percent.

This decision is based on the currently available economic and financial information, which show that the Aruban economy has not experienced significant changes since last month's monetary policy committee meeting. The

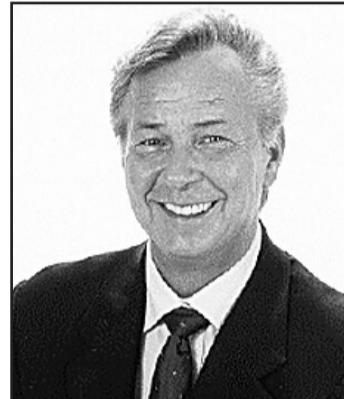
available data also indicate that the domestic economic conditions have improved somewhat compared to 2009, but remain fragile.

Based on the current forecasts of the CBA, a 1.3 percent increase in tourism receipts over 2010 is estimated, while total visitors is expected to rise by 2.2 percent. All in all, real GDP is currently projected to increase by 2.0 percent over 2010, although significant downside risks exist to the projections made.

Inflation (12-month average trend) is currently forecasted to

How to write ad copy that is so powerful and compelling, customers are FORCED to buy --Part III --

by Ken Varga



Hi, I am Ken Varga. I want to share with you some of the ideas, strategies, and principles that allowed me to build 35 businesses during my career.

By earnestly applying the ideas, you will learn how you too can build your business to success, while living an unhurried life, filled with family, friends, fun and a relaxed attitude.

In this Tip, and probably in the next Tip we'll go over display advertising.

A display or space ad, differs from a classified ad in that it has a headline and a layout.

The fundamentals of writing the display or space ad are exactly the same as those we went over in the last Tip for classified ads.

The difference is that you have more space in which to emphasize the formula.

The most important part of a Display ad, is the headline and sub headline, or some call it the lead sentence.

The headline is so important. Your ad is surrounded by other ads, so what makes you think they will notice your ad?

This is why the headline should be something that jumps out or grabs your readers attention. You must entice

the reader to read all that you have to say.

Your headline has to make it more difficult for your prospect to ignore reading your message.

If you don't capture the attention of your reader with your headline, anything you've written beyond it is useless and a waste of money, because they won't read what you have to say.

Primarily, headlines are written as either promises or warnings.

A promise is one that will show your reader how they can attain a desired goal or solve a problem they have.

A warning cautions against something undesirable.

For example:

A Promise: "You can lose 25 pounds in the next 30 days."

A Warning: "Before you buy a pet, call for this free report that reveals the five questions Pet Stores don't want you to ask."

Here's a secret that very few individuals know about.

Whenever possible, use words that are not usually found in advertisements.

The idea is to shock or shake the reader and cause them to take notice of your ad. Most of the headlines you see all of the time, have a certain sameness with just the words rearranged.

Your reader may see these headlines with their eyes, but their brain fails to focus on any of them because there's nothing different or out of the ordinary to get their attention.

When ever you possibly can, work in the word You and Free.

The layout you devise for your ad, or the frame you build around it, should also command attention. Either make it so spectacular that it stands out or so simple that it catches the readers attention because of its simplicity.

It's important that you don't get cute with graphics and artwork.

Your ad should convey the feeling of excitement and movement.

Once you get your readers attention, you should immediately tell them what your product will do for them. Your potential buyer doesn't care in the least how long it's taken you to produce the product, how long you've been in business, etc.etc.

They want to know specifically how they are going to benefit from the purchase of your product.

Generally, their wants will fall into one of the following categories.

Better health, greater comfort, increased leisure time, popularity, more money, greater beauty, success or security.

Even though you have their attention, you must state again the advantages of your product or service that they will receive.

Anyone reading this Tip can massage the above to their products or services. It might take a little creativity, but that's what we're trying to accomplish.

In the next Tip, we'll learn how to build desire in the reader for your product or service. So until then, keep those questions rolling in.

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2010. Also, over the first five months of 2010, banking sector credit growth remained weak, thereby staying significantly below the CBA's target. Current projections indicate a small pick-up, however, still within the CBA's targeted growth for the remainder of 2010.

The CBA will continue to closely monitor the developments in credit growth, as well as those with respect to other indicators. The next meeting of the MPC is scheduled for August 24, 2010.

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Aruba's religious sites Featured: the Lourdes Grotto



Aruba is known for its beautiful white beaches, pristine turquoise waters, a lot of sunshine and a beautiful arid landscape. Tourist flow to the island to relax in a tranquil ambiance and enjoy the many activities constantly happening here. But what if you want to spend a quite moment? Aruba's spiritual sites offer you the best to achieve the perfect balance of body and soul.

Aruba was colonized by both the Spanish and the Dutch, thus has a strong prevalent Catholic population, even today. While there are many religions represented on the island, it is the Aruba churches and sites that draw those of all faiths.

The Lourdes Grotto is possibly the most well-known religious site on Aruba. Located near San Nicolas in the southern part of the island, away

from most of the action, the Lourdes Grotto is peaceful and set away from much of the hectic activity. A grotto is either a natural or artificial cave used by humans, and the grotto on Aruba became a religious site when the Catholic church placed a large statue of the Virgin Mary into a rocky hillside at Seroe Preto in 1958.

The Lourdes Grotto is named after the region in southern France where the Virgin Mary appeared to a peasant girl. The statue was placed on Aruba to mark the 150th anniversary of this appearance. Another cave is located across the street and, as an extra treat for visitors, parakeets live all around this area.

Every year on February 11, a procession travels from the St. Theresita Church located in San Nicolas to the Lourdes Grotto Aruba for mass.

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Palace sheds light on year in the life of Queen Elizabeth



LONDON (AFP) - Buckingham Palace will show off rarely-seen royal treasures illustrating a year in the life of Queen Elizabeth II when her official residence throws open its doors to the public today.

The royal palace is highlighting the 84-year-old monarch's annual duties in its exhibition "The Queen's Year", open during the two months when the sovereign is away.

"It's really designed to provide an insight into the Queen's life, all the things Her Majesty is involved in

during the course of the year," co-curator David Oakey told AFP.

"We always try and present an aspect of the Queen. People will be aware that the Queen works really hard, but they might not know how."

Split into seasons, the exhibition in the opulent state rooms -- normally used for investitures and receiving dignitaries -- focuses on yearly events such as the summer garden parties, the Queen's birthday parade, Ascot races, Remembrance Sunday and her Christmas message.

The chief item on display is Queen Elizabeth's 18-foot (5.5-metre) long Robe of State, worn to the state opening of parliament, which has never been exhibited before.

It is presented alongside the Great Sword of State, and the sword used by the Queen to confer knighthoods.

The 19 state rooms have been opened to the public in August and

September since 1993, when the palace is not being used in its official capacity and the Queen is on holiday or at her Balmoral private summer residence in eastern Scotland.

An estimated 400,000 people are expected to visit the palace this year during the two months when the state rooms are open.

"The objective is to show the breadth of the Queen's year," Oakey said.

"The theme of the exhibition is interaction between the public and the Queen. The British monarchy has always been very visible.

"A lot of the objects you can see the Queen using at events, so at the state opening you might see the robe, but that's not the same as seeing it in this context."

"A lot of them are very historic."

The exhibition features dresses, hats worn at Ascot, a tiara and even the saddle the Queen used until 1986 at Trooping The Colour, her annual birthday parade.

It also includes gifts given to the Queen on visits, in-

cluding a statue of cartoon characters Wallace and Gromit, a signed cricket bat, and a fake "Buckingham Palace" London Underground station sign.

The state rooms include paintings by Rembrandt, Rubens, Titian, Van Dyck, Poussin and Canaletto.

A new cafe has been installed on the West Terrace this year, allowing visitors to take tea while looking out over the Buckingham Palace gardens.

The state rooms close to the public on October 1. Tickets cost 17 pounds (26 dollars, 20 euros).

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Angelina Jolie to play Elizabeth Taylor in new film?



Liz Taylor and Richard Burton

Not much details of the upcoming biopic are public, but it's believed that the story will revolve around Taylor's romance with actor Richard Burton.

Taylor and Burton's love affair is one of the most notorious in Hollywood's long list of romances. To say the least, they were an on-again, off-again couple.

The two fell in love while filming Cleopatra in 1963. Taylor divorced her then-husband, Eddie Fisher to marry Burton, making him her fourth husband.

They divorced after 10 years of a rocky relationship. They married again in 1975, only to split for good after 10 months.

The biopic is said to be based on Sam Kashner and Nancy Schoenberger's book "Furious Love: Elizabeth Taylor, Richard Burton, and the Marriage of the Century."

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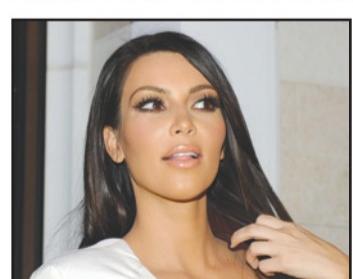
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When asked if she would like children by Ryan

Seacrest on his KIIS FM radio show, Kim replied: "Let's just say that Mason is the best birth control ever! I am definitely happy to wait a few years."

Earlier this year, Kim split from her NFL footballer boyfriend Reggie Bush, and while she has been linked to Dallas Cowboys wide receiver Miles Austin, she insists she is currently single.

Kim said: "I'm single and having a good time. I am living my life and there's nothing I want to tell you. I'm meeting some really amazing

people and just trying to live my life, and I am definitely a lot more private than I was before."

Speaking shortly after she split from Reggie, Kim -- who was also romantically linked with soccer star Cristiano Ronaldo -- admitted she is looking for a husband.

She said: "I'm on the market. This is a new life for me. I haven't been single in years. I never thought I would like being single. I'm not the dating type. I'm a relationship kind of girl. The next one that comes into my life will be my husband!"

Spanish PM praises 'tenacity' of Tour winner Contador



Spanish Prime Minister Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero (L) receives a yellow jersey from Tour de France winner Spanish Alberto Contador (R) after their meeting at the Moncloa palace in Madrid

MADRID (AFP) - Prime Minister Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero praised Tour de France winner Alberto Contador as an example of "tenacity and hard work" on Monday at a reception for the cyclist at his official residence.

"I want to thank you for always having defended with pride the colours of our flag. You are an example of hard work and tenacity and of how to behave and compete in sports," he said, adding he believed Contador with win another Tour.

Contador, the winner in 2007 and 2009, pulled on his third Tour de France yellow

jersey on Sunday after the 20th and final stage of cycling's premier event.

The 27-year-old was greeted by hundreds of supporters when he arrived at Madrid airport earlier on Monday.

After being received by Zapatero, he travelled to his hometown of Pinto near the Spanish capital where he waves his yellow jersey and jumped on the balcony of the town hall as the crowd below waved yellow and red Spanish flags.

"Thank you so much, I can't say anything more," he said.

French World Cup report due on August 6

PARIS, France (AFP) - The French Football Federation (FFF) announced on Monday that the findings of an independent report into France's disastrous World Cup campaign will be published on August 6.

The report was commissioned in response to events in South Africa, where the France players boycotted an open training session in protest after striker Nicolas Anelka was sent home for insulting coach Raymond Domenech.

France, finalists in 2006, were eliminated at the group

stage after drawing 0-0 with Uruguay and losing to Mexico and hosts South Africa.

The three-man team preparing the report will present a summary of their findings to the FFF's federal council on August 5, with the FFF formally responding and announcing if any action will be taken the day after.

New France coach Laurent Blanc revealed last week that he would not be calling up any of the players from France's 23-man World Cup squad for the friendly with Norway on August 11, his first match in charge.

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His victory comes just two weeks after Spain won its first World Cup title and it came on the same day that two-time Formula One world champion Fernando Alonso won Sunday's German Grand Prix while Jorge Lorenzo won the United States Moto Grand Prix.

"It is extraordinary. We are at this moment the country with the most success in sports at the highest level," said Zapatero.

Earlier this year world number one Rafael Nadal's won Wimbledon and the French Open while Spain also won the world basketball championships in 2006 and came runners-up to the US at the Olympic Games two years later.

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There have been reports the Phillies must trade right fielder Jayson Werth to clear salary and acquire prospects to make the Oswalt trade happen. But there are indications the Phillies could trade for Oswalt with their own prospects, absorb his remaining salary for 2010 and still keep Werth.

That might be advantageous, unless the Phillies get an unbelievable offer for

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NFL Seahawks lose boss to NHL Lightning

SEATTLE (AFP) - Tod Leiweke resigned as chief executive of the ownership firm that guides American football's Seattle Seahawks on Monday to become chief executive of the NHL's Tampa Bay Lightning.

Leiweke was chief executive of Vulcan Sports and Entertainment, which owns the Seahawks, the NBA Portland Trail Blazers and Major League Soccer's Seattle Sounders. He oversaw billionaire Paul Allen's sports teams for seven years.

He leaves to join an ice hockey club that was recently purchased by Jeff Vinik and features retired NHL legend Steve Yzerman and general manager.

"I'm sorry to see him go,

but I know hockey is his first love," Allen said.

Leiweke, who came to the Seahawks in 2003 and helped them reach their first Super Bowl in 2006, negotiated the contract with first-year Seahawks coach Pete Carroll.

Leiweke, who previously worked with the NHL's Minnesota Wild and Vancouver Canucks, will stay at Vulcan until a replacement is named.

"We have strong management and coaching in place in Seattle and Portland and I know the teams are in good hands," Leiweke said.

Leiweke's brother Tim is president and chief executive of Anschutz Entertainment Group, which owns the NHL Los Angeles Kings and the Los Angeles Galaxy of MLS.

Phillies eye Oswalt with Haren off market

PHILADELPHIA -- The Phillies had hoped to land Roy Oswalt or Dan Haren before the July 31 Trade Deadline.

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Werth is a notoriously streaky hitter, and he recently

has shown signs of getting over his slump. He also is the only right-handed power bat in the lineup. If the Phillies traded Werth they would be relying on Triple-A Lehigh Valley outfielder Domonic Brown, who hits left-handed, and reserve outfielders Ben Francisco and Ross Gload to pick up the slack.

If the Phillies cannot make a trade for Oswalt, they will try to improve the bullpen or even acquire an infielder to add punch to a lineup that will be without Chase Utley for four more weeks.

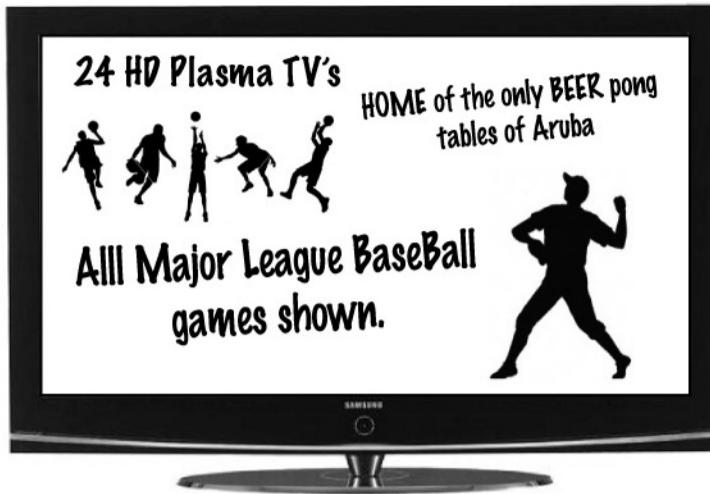
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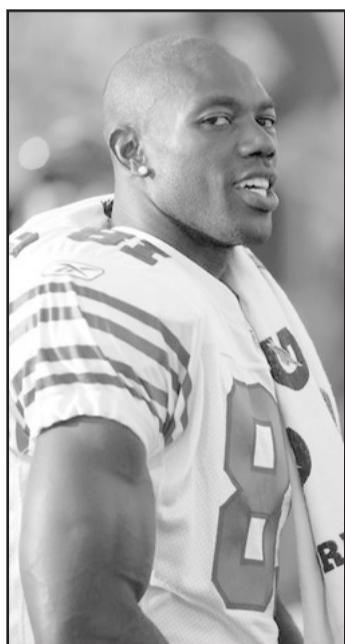


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Bengals make pitch to land Owens



Terrel Owens

CINCINNATI (AFP) - The Cincinnati Bengals, who already have a controversial receiver in Chad Ochocinco, are trying to sign another, with president Mike Brown saying Monday they are interested in Terrell Owens.

Owens has been a six-time National Football League all-star receiver but with his talents have come controversial comments, criticism of teammates and coaches and often bitter breakups.

But Owens, 36, and Ochocinco, 32, are close friends and both have the same agent, Drew Rosenhaus, who is in talks with the Bengals, according to Brown, who says Owens is in position to decide if he wants to be in Cincinnati or not.

"It's up to him," Brown said. "We are talking to him. We have some interest."

Brown said he liked what he saw of Owens during a March visit that ended with the bengals instead signing receiver Antonio Bryant.

"I found him polite," Brown said. "We like him as a player."

Owens has worked out with Bengals quarterback Carson Palmer in California and Palmer has made positive comments about the receiver's skills, Brown said, and the Bengals have more interest as they try to build a Super Bowl contender.

"If we're healthy we can be a team that can play with anyone," Brown said. "We have ambitions to have that one golden year. You always do when you start out. But this year more than most in recent times we have a better shot at it."

Brown said Palmer's comments were a key factor considering that in past NFL stops, Owens has had rough comments about passers, including San Francisco's Jeff Garcia, Donovan McNabb in Philadelphia and Tony Romo in Dallas.

No punishment for Vick by league over shooting: report

NEW YORK (AFP) - Michael Vick will not face punishment from the National Football League over a shooting last month at a birthday party for the Philadelphia Eagles quarterback, ESPN reported Monday.

Citing multiple unnamed NFL sources, the sports television network said Vick spoke at length with NFL commissioner Roger Goodell about the incident and his progress since he went to prison for his role in a dogfight gambling ring.

No charges were filed in the shooting matter and neither the victim nor the shooter were identified by police as a result, except to say that neither was Vick. Police said the victim did not cooperate with authorities.

The party was staged June 25 at Virginia Beach, near the

Paul set to stay with Hornets after talks

NEW ORLEANS (AFP) - New Orleans Hornets guard Chris Paul is excited about the NBA club's potential and said on Monday after a meeting with team officials that he wants to stay with the team.

Paul had been reportedly set to ask about a possible trade in the wake of seeing good friend LeBron James leave Cleveland for Miami, where he will join US Olympic team-mates Chris Bosh and Dwyane Wade to form a formidable line-up.

But Paul, in a statement released by the club, said he was pleased after a meeting on Monday morning with new Hornets coach Monty Williams, team president Hugh Weber and new general manager Dell Demps.

"The meeting went well," Paul said. "It was great to get an opportunity to sit down



with coach Williams, president Weber and our new general manager, Dell Demps.

"I expressed my desire to win and I like what they said

McGrady works out for Bulls in search of deal

CHICAGO (AFP) - NBA veteran Tracy McGrady worked out for the Chicago Bulls on Monday, the two-time scoring champion hopeful of landing a free agent deal with the club.

McGrady, a seven-time NBA All-Star, underwent microfracture surgery on his left knee 17 months ago and played only 30 games last season for Houston and New York, averaging only 8.2 points a contest.

The playmaker, who worked out for the Los Angeles Clippers last week, has also expressed interest in Miami, where superstar LeBron James and Chris Bosh have joined Dwyane Wade to make the Heat an instant

about the direction that they want to take the team.

"I have been a Hornet my entire career and I hope to represent the city of New Orleans and state of Louisiana for many years to come."

Demps said he was confident Paul would stay with the club. Paul, 25, has two years remaining on his contract before he could opt out to test the free agency market as James did this month.

ESPN reported that the Hornets had turned away trade pitches from several NBA clubs and that Paul has a new team of agents that include the same agent and business manager used by James.

The New Orleans Times-Picayune reported that Orlando, Portland, Dallas and New York would be on Paul's list of desired trade destinations.

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NBA title contender.

McGrady said he wants to play a starting role with the Bulls but would not object to a reserve role, likely what the Bulls would have in mind for the 31-year-old swingman.

"I won't have a problem, but that's not what I'm really shooting for," said McGrady.

"If I was the player that I was in a Knicks uniform, I would have no problem coming off the bench, but I've worked extremely hard and I'm far from being that player."

"Without me, without Boozer, they're a .500 ball club," McGrady said of the Bulls. "And with the guys that they added, if they add me, I think we'll be 30 points better."



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Maradona states terms for extending Argentina deal

BUENOS AIRES (AFP) - Argentina coach Diego Maradona has announced that he hopes to continue in his role but only if he does not have to change his back-room staff from the World Cup in South Africa.

"I've got a meeting with (Argentina Football Association president Julio) Grondona this week and this week I'll decide whether to continue or not," Maradona told America TV in a programme broadcast on Sunday night.

"It depends on what Grondona says and on whether he accepts what I ask him. I want to (continue) because I've spoken with the boys (the Argentina players) and I have

their support."

Grondona confirmed last week that he was due to meet Maradona on Monday.

An AFA spokesperson said that Grondona will ask Maradona to stay on in the role until the 2014 World Cup in Brazil, despite overseeing Argentina's 4-0 defeat by Germany in the quarter-finals of this year's tournament.

Maradona, who became national manager in October 2008 despite a lack of coaching experience, will reportedly agree to prolong his contract only if his technical staff from the World Cup remain in place.

Press reports, however, claim Grondona is eager to

sideline Maradona's faithful assistant Alejandro Mancuso.

"We spent 40 days together (during the World Cup). If he touches my kit-man, my masseur, I'm going," said Maradona on his return from a trip to Venezuela, where he was received by his friend, president Hugo Chavez.

Maradona is the greatest player in Argentina's history, having led the country to their second World Cup title as captain in Mexico in 1986.

The albiceleste have not won a title since the 1993 Copa America, however, and will host the next edition of the South American championship in 2011.

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NHL union to fight for Kovalchuk's deal with Devils

NEW YORK (AFP) - National Hockey League Players' Association lawyers filed a grievance Monday over the NHL's rejection of a record-setting contract between Russian star Ilya Kovalchuk and the New Jersey Devils.

Last week, the league rejected the 17-year deal worth 102 million dollars, saying it violated the NHL salary cap. The contract covered the longest span of any player deal in NHL history.

The union argued in its filing that under the NHL's collective bargaining agreement with the union, Kovalchuk is entitled to an expedited resolution of the matter.

An arbitrator would settle the validity of the contract, which would pay Kovalchuk 95 million dollars over the

first 10 years and only 550,000 dollars over the last five years.

Kovalchuk would be 44 in the final season of the contract.

A ruling to void the deal would make Kovalchuk a free agent able to sign with the Devils or any other club and open the Devils up to punishments such as a loss of draft picks.

A ruling to uphold the deal would open the door for more long-term deals with front-loaded financial payoffs until a new union-NHL deal replaces the one expiring after the 2011-2012 season.

Kovalchuk had 10 goals in 27 games for the Devils last season after being traded from Atlanta, where he scored 31 goals in 49 prior games.



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